
EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD REVERSALS

As you probably know, every few hundred thousand years, the direction of the magnetic field of the Earth reverses itself.

Everyone assumed until now, that this strange phenomenon happened gradually.

But a team of geophysicists from France and the USA has found evidence that reversals maybe much more sudden.

So sudden in fact that you may even be able to watch a compass needle move when it occurs.

An unusual property of volcanic lava makes it possible to track past magnetic reversals. As molten lava cools, it remains magnetised in the prevailing direction of the magnetic field at the time it solidified.

The team discovered two lava flows from Steens Mountain in Oregon, USA which revealed opposite magnetic field directions. By calculating the cooling rate of the two flows, they were able to show that a field reversal had occurred in a very short period of time.

(Source: New Scientist 25 Jan '92)

PROJECT CENSORED - 1991

Project Censored, a national media research effort now in its 16th year, locates stories about significant issues which are not widely publicized by the national news media.

Following are the top ten under-reported stories of 1991, from the USA:

1. UNCENSORED IRAQ COVERAGE SPIKED BY NETWORKS.

CBS and NBC rejected professional videotape footage taken at the height of the airwar in Iraq by two Emmy-award-winning documentary producers. The footage substantially contradicted U.S. administration claims that civilian



damage from the American-led bombing campaign was light.

2. OPERATION CENSORED WAR.

The Gulf War set new, questionable standards for wartime secrecy. Many important stories, which the public had a right to know, are still not being reported by the major media. It took a freelance journalist, posing as a mortician, to get a more accurate estimate of battlefield casualties from the Dover AFB mortuary, the only one handling Desert Storm casualties.

3. VODOO ECONOMICS.

The media failed to explain how bad the national deficit was and why the economy went into a tailspin in 1991. The interest alone on the federal debt will be the nation's single largest expenditure this year, exceeding even the military budget.

4. THE \$250 BILLION POLITICAL COVER-UP.

An hour-long television documentary, produced by PBS Frontline and the San Francisco-based Center for Investigative Reporting, revealed the truth about the extent of the savings and loan scandal and how it was covered-up so that it would not threaten George Bush's candidacy in 1988.

5. DOD'S UNTOLD SCANDAL.

A Justice Department investigation into possible fraud and bribery in securing defense contracts could equal or exceed the "Teapot Dome" scandal or the publication of the Pentagon Papers in its scope but we may never know. Search warrants and affidavits that contain transcripts of wiretapped conversations of employees with a major defense contractor have now been sealed by court order.

6. NO IRAQI THREAT TO SAUDI ARABIA?

Satellite photos of Iraq and Kuwait on September 11, 1990, revealed no evidence of a massive Iraqi army threat to Saudi Arabia as cited by President George Bush that same day in his efforts to rally public support for the Gulf War.

7. FOIA IS AN OXYMORON.

The erosion, and possible obsolescence, of the Freedom of Information Act over the past ten years coincides with a new and particularly hostile attitude towards the public's right to know which has characterized the Reagan-Bush administration.

8. CORPORATE AMERICA'S ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN.

Recent corporate anti-environmental innovations include multi-million dollar SLAPP suits, the harassment and surveillance of activists, the infiltration of environmental groups by "agent provocateurs," and the creation of dummy ecology groups to locate whistle blowers.

9. THE INSLAW SOFTWARE THEFT.

In a little-publicized but potentially explosive legal battle, the Inslaw Corporation charges that the U.S. Department of Justice robbed it of its case-management and criminal-tracking

software program, conspired to send the company into bankruptcy, and then initiated a cover-up.

10. THE BUSH FAMILY'S CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

In recent history, no president has had the blatant but unexplored familial conflicts of interest comparable to that of George Bush. These include his brother, Prescott, a financial consultant with influential contacts in Japan, South Korea, and the Philippines; his sons: Neil, a former director of Silverado Savings and Loan whose failure cost taxpayers about \$1 billion; Jeb, a Miami real estate developer with questionable ties to a drug trafficker; and George W., a director and consultant to Harken Energy Corporation which has a lucrative oil-production agreement with Bahrain, a tiny island off the coast of Saudi Arabia.

THE OTHER 15 "CENSORED" STORIES

The other 15 under-reported stories of 1991 were: (1) The Strange Death of Danny Casolaro; (2) Dan Quayle: Lobbyist for Big Business; (3) FinCEN: A Threat to Privacy and Property; (4) The Failure of Congressional Oversight; (5) The Untold October Surprise Story; (6) The Specter of Environmental Racism; (7) Inside Bohemian Grove: The Story People Magazine Censored; (8) Federal Seizure Laws: Making Crime Pay; (9) The Rejected Syrian Hostage Offer; (10) Judicial Manipulation of the Agent Orange Case; (11) EPA Fails to Pursue Fraud and Abuse; (12) Public Health Service Takes a New Look at the Fluoridation Issue; (13) Congressional Intelligence Oversight Law is Meaningless; (14) The Canned Hunt: Killing Captive Animals for Sport; (15) Toxic PCB Contamination Above the Arctic Circle.

PENTAGON TO KEEP GENETIC RECORD OF U.S. SERVICEMEN

Maybe this is a sign of the times, when bodies on the battlefield are becoming so hard to recognise that the army has to use genetic records to identify who is who from the remains. The *New York Times* says the Pentagon would obtain DeoxyriboNucleic Acid (DNA) samples from servicemen's blood and store them in a repository. For those who did not already know, every cell in a human body contains the total genetic 'blueprint' for the entire human body. This means that one only needs a hair, drop of blood, bone fragment to be able to identify the person to whom it belongs.

"ATLANTIS" OF THE SANDS DISCOVERED IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

The lost city of Ubar would appear to have been found, thanks to scans from the space shuttle.

Ubar was apparently built some 5,000 years ago, and was a thriving trading capital for highly valuable resin. According to Islamic legend, its rulers became wealthy and wicked, so wicked

that God allowed the city to be swallowed up by the desert.

Ubar was located in what is now Oman, in an area known as the Empty Quarter because it is so barren.

The archaeologists engaged the help of NASA scientists, who used a radar device on the last successful mission of the shuttle Challenger to pick out the features of the geology beneath the desert sands. Using this technique, they located ancient trade routes, which were packed down into a hard surface by the passage of many camels. Once an area where the trade routes converged was identified, researchers on land were able to begin excavations.

"After four days of digging, it was clear we had hit pay dirt," George Hedges, and organiser of the expedition told the *The New York Times*..

(Source: UPI, Feb 5th 1992, via MufoNet New Wire)

CO₂ EMISSIONS DROP WORLDWIDE DESPITE OIL FIRES

According to the Worldwatch Institute, a Washington based environmental organization, global emissions of carbon dioxide dropped in



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1990 and appear to be declining this year (1991).

Worldwatch attributed the drop primarily to the collapse of economies in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, which rely heavily on coal.

(Source: *Public Power Weekly*, a weekly publication from the American Public Power Association, December 16th 1991. Accessed via Pegasus Networks, Byron Bay)

GLOBAL WARMING TO INCREASE ICE CAPS?

According to Dr Gifford Miller, of the University of Colorado, and Dr. Anne de Vernal of Quebec at Montreal, if global warming proceeds as forecast, it could cause the northern hemisphere's ice sheets to expand, much as they did at the beginning of the last ice age.

Their study concluded that in the past, warmer seas caused more water to evaporate, producing the moisture for increased precipitation in winter. It would have fallen as snow and compressed into ice which accumulated and advanced southward.

Source: "Will Green House Warming Lead to Northern Hemisphere Ice-Sheet Growth?", *NATURE*, 16th January 1992, pages 244-246)

FAKE NEWS FROM PR COMPANIES

"FAKE NEWS, A SPECIAL REPORT: WHAT WE SEE ISN'T ALWAYS NEWS - ITS PUBLIC RELATIONS" is the title of TV Guide's February 22-28 1992 (US) cover story.

This is a surprisingly hard-hitting exposé of how TV newsrooms use the "Video News Release" (VNR) in their news programmes. Examples show how companies, foreign countries, and candidates, get practically free advertising. Their PR people create VNRs, distribute them to 700-plus local TV outlets, where resource strained organisations incorporate the material into newscast. *TV Guide* deplore the common practice of TV outlets using VNRs without identifying the source.

Included is an excellent sidebar, "Portions of the GULF WAR were brought to you by ... the folks at Hill & Knowlton." A shocking revelation: "... the PR firm's operatives were given free rein to travel unescorted throughout Saudi Arabia, while journalists were severely restricted."

The editors of *TV Guide* made a strong statement: "Recommended: When a TV news organisation includes film or tape prepared by an outside source in a broadcast, the label 'VIDEO SUPPLIED BY [COMPANY OR GROUP NAME]' should

be visible for as long as the material is on-screen."

(Source: *David Leiber*, *TV Guide*, USA)

YET MORE ON THE GULF WAR

The people's mood in America and overseas is changing about the Gulf War, but down under in little old "media controlled" Australia, we just concentrate on the same old news on every TV station (except SBS), every radio station, and every newspaper.

The anniversary of the Gulf War has brought with it revelations about the myth of a surgical, video game war.

The Patriot anti-missile shot down NO Scud missiles! Only 6% of the bombs were "smart". In fact, one third of the bombs dropped on Iraqi targets DID NOT EXPLODE at all, causing some 1400 people to date to be killed in explosions of unexploded weapons in Kuwait alone!

The deliberate allied bombing of 95 hospitals and health centres, 686 schools, 25 electrical installations, 8 major dams that provided power and irrigation, sanitation plants, factories, roads, bridges, food treatment plants, sewage treatment plants, and populated civilian areas has been exposed in recent investigations.

Some estimates put the number of deaths during the war as high as 300,000!

Since the war, nearly 100,000 civilians have died due to lack of food, clean water, and improper sanitation resulting from the bombing campaign.

On February 22nd, the Pentagon released a report admitting U.S. bombs and rockets destroyed Iraq's electric, water and sewage systems, seriously damaging civilian life. The Pentagon now merely insist the death and destruction was "an error, a result of poor communication".

PETER SAWYER, THE BILL OF RIGHTS, & AUSTRALIA'S NEW DICTATOR?

On Friday, January 10th, Peter Sawyer, editor of *Inside News*, put to air on the "Inside Hotline" [0055 63307] a story about the Governor General, Bill Hayden, approving a totally illegal, totally seditious "Bill of Rights", officially known as The



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First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). This is a United Nations inspired 'treaty', otherwise known as, and promoted by the UN as, "a universal declaration of human rights". This "Protocol" was designed to come into effect on Christmas Day 1991, conveniently placed so as to avoid public or government debate maybe?

After putting the story to air, Peter sat down and telephoned just eight people, to let them know the hotline had been updated. (This was done because the service had not been updated for some time, and obviously interest would have dropped off). He also asked that those people with fax machines let others know via that medium, and to fax him if they wanted more information.

The result was stupendous. It created uproar. By Monday there were so many incoming calls to the Inside Hotline [0055 63307], that the 0055 leasing service computer was jammed. (This computer can handle 300 simultaneous incoming calls!) Between 1pm Monday afternoon and 6am Wednesday morning, over 14,000 people had called and listened to the message, and politicians all over the country were being called for explanations. He received over a quarter of a kilometre of faxed requests for more information!

The story created a furor. First came a denial that any such document had been signed. Then an admission that it had been signed, but that it did not mean what Peter Sawyer claimed. It became quite obvious that most of our elected representatives did not know about the "Bill", what it meant, or even (like the Attorney General below) were confused about Australia's constitutional makeup.

The predictable lies and defamatory remarks about Peter Sawyer got quickly published by cheap journalists who also did not bother to check anything beforehand.

Then on top of all this, that very same "Bill of Rights" which our politicians said was not applicable to anything inside Australia, was used to squash a proposed legislative change by the Western Australian government to deal with juvenile offenders.

(Refer to the front page of *The Australian*, Jan 22nd 1992).

This article implies that, not only was Peter Sawyer correct in his allegations, but that the Human Rights Commissioner, an unelected bureaucrat, has the power to override the will of the Australian people, as expressed by their duly elected representatives!

A Christmas present from the New World Order perhaps?

(*Inside News* is available for \$30.00 for six issues [pensioners \$25.00] from PO Box 311, Maleny Qld 4552. Australia)

WHAT IS THE BILL OF RIGHTS?

Many readers would have no doubt by now that something happened early this year which involved something called "A Bill of Right".

A Bill of Rights is a set of rules, imposed on the Crown and on the Parliament, as laid down in law by the people. It is put in force to control the way in which police, military and public servants are used against the people. A Bill of Rights can also be used to overturn oppressive laws, unjust taxes, undue political force and seizure of property.

Under our present laws, politicians DO NOT present us with a Bill of Rights and then advise us that we have now got it. WE

tell them what standards of behaviour WE require of them.

Australia has a Bill of Rights, plus the Magna Carta, which is also a Bill of Rights. These documents are in force "forever" and "hence forth". They cannot be rewritten or repealed by the Queen or the Governor General, or by the Parliament. They can only be replaced if we, the people, vote at a Referendum to do so.

What follows is an extract from a letter from Gary Johns MP, Federal Member for Petrie, dated 20th November '91, addressed to Mr P. Hunter of Albany Creek, Qld.

"I have sought advice in this matter from the office of the Attorney General who advises that the 1688 Bill of Rights has never been applicable to Australia and is not part of our constitution. Nor can it be made binding under any Westminster System of Government."

For any Attorney General to assert that the Bill of Rights has never been applicable is either madness or is part of a hidden agenda to rework Australia's constitutional framework by the major political parties.

If the Bill of Rights (1688) is not part of our law then neither are the other Acts and Bills listed in The Imperial Applications Act (see list below). I would love to know what your local "pollie" has to say about this!

4 Imperial Acts Application Act, 1984, No. 70

FIRST SCHEDULE IMPERIAL ENACTMENTS CONTINUED IN FORCE

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Citation	Short title and enactment
(1297) 25 Edward I c. 29	Magna Carta
(1640) 16 Charles I c. 10	The Habeas Corpus Act, 1640, s. 6
(1679) 31 Charles II c. 2	The Habeas Corpus Act, 1679, ss. 1-8, 11, 15-19
(1688) 1 William & Mary Sess. 2 c. 2	The Bill of Rights
(1698) 11 William III c. 7	The Piracy Act, 1698
(1700) 12 & 13 William III c. 2	The Act of Settlement
(1702) 1 Anne c. 2	The Demise of Crown Act, 1702, s. 4
(1702) 1 Anne St. 2 c. 21	The Treason Act, 1702, s. 3
(1707) 6 Anne c. 41	The Succession to Crown Act, 1707, s. 9
(1750) 24 George II c. 23	The Calendar (New Style) Act, 1750
(1772) 12 George III c. 11	The Royal Marriages Act, 1772 ss. 1 and 2
(1816) 56 George III c. 100	The Habeas Corpus Act, 1816